GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1732
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Import of Silk Sarees from China
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kancheepuram and Thirubuvanam silk sarees have acclaimed national and world importance;

(b) if so, the details of business done by these two varieties of sarees during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the State Government has applied for Geographical Indication (GI) Tag and if so, the action being taken by the Union Government thereon;

(d) whether fake Kancheepuram and Thirubuvanam silk sarees are being imported from China greatly which is affecting the local industries; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government to protect the local industries and also the poor weavers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Kancheepuram and Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees have acclaimed national and world wide importance. As per the information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu details of business done by the Kancheepuram and Thirubuvanam Silk varieties are as follows:-

Year	Kancheepuram Silk Sarees (Value Rs. in lakh)	Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees (Value Rs. in lakh)
2012-13	5208.62	3957.15
2013-14	7105.53	4053.92
2014-15	5563.01	4257.53
2015-16 (upto June 2015)	1897.20	1075.11

(c): Kancheepuram Silk Sarees have already been registered under the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999 on 7.10.2004. Thirubhuvanam Silk Weavers Co-operative Society Ltd., has since applied for Geographical Indication Tag through Geographical indication Act.
(d): No, such report has been received.
(e): Does, not arise.
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